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Seattle massage practitioner's license suspended on sexual misconduct charge

Charges say Eric Lara inappropriately touched a client

OLYMPIA - State health officials immediately suspended the license of Seattle massage practitioner Eric E. Lara (MA.60230408) based on charges that he sexually abused a client. He's been charged in criminal court with second-degree rape for the alleged incident.

Lara allegedly removed the cloth draping that was covering the client's vagina and buttocks and inserted his finger into her vagina. Lara cannot practice in Washington until the charges are resolved. He has 20 days to respond to the charges and to ask for a hearing.

The documents can be seen online by clicking "[Look up a health care provider](#)" on the [Department of Health website](#); copies can be requested by calling 360-236-4700. That's also the number to call to file complaints against health care providers in Washington.

The Department of Health protects and promotes public health, safety, and welfare in Washington by regulating the competency and quality of health care providers. The agency establishes, monitors, and enforces qualifications for licensing, consistent standards of practice, continuing competency mechanisms, and discipline. Rules, policies, and procedures promote the delivery of quality health care to people in Washington.

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